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1. SOVIETS HAVE FINALLY TAKEN A POSITION ON QUESTION OF FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR EXCHANGE OF RESEARCH FELLOWS IN CHEMICAL CATALYSIS PROJECTS. KIRILLIN WILL SOON SEND GENERAL LETTER TO DR. STEVER REPLYING TO LATTER'S PROPOSALS OF DECEMBER 4, 1973, BUT ACTUAL DETAILS WILL BE COMMUNICATED DIRECTLY ON SECRETARIAT LEVEL. RE PARA THREE OF REF A, SOVIET DELAY ON THIS QUESTION HAS NOT BEEN DELIBERATE, BUT WAS RESULT OF USUAL BUREAUCRACY THAT FREQUENTLY MUST BE CALLED IN TO RESOLVE SUCH ISSUES. IN THIS CASE, THE QUESTION HAD TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE SCIENTIST, INSTITUTE, ACADEMY, AND SCST LEVELS BEFORE BEING SENT ULTIMATELY TO MINISTRY OF FINANCE FOR APPROVAL OF RECOMMENDATIONS.

2. SOVIET SIDE AGREES WITH PROPOSAL IN STEVER-KIRILLIN LETTER OF DECEMBER 4, 1973, THAT SENDING SIDE PAY FOR TRAVEL TO AND FROM WASHINGTON OR MOSCOW AND THAT RECEIVING SIDE PAY FOR INTERNAL TRAVEL. BUT SOVIET SPECIALISTS AND ACADEMY OF SCIENCES HAVE MADE IT CLEAR TO SCST THAT THEY CONSIDER
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FOR SHORT-TERM EXCHANGE VISITS BY PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATORS AND FOR LONGER-TERM VISITS BY RESEARCH FELLOWS. SCST CONCURS AND CLAIMS THAT $25 PER DIEM ALLOTTED TO SHORT-TERM EXCHANGEES WOULD NOT SUFFICE TO COVER MEALS AND HOTEL, AND THAT $6000-$8000 PER ANNUM FOR LONG-TERM EXCHANGEES WOULD NOT COVER LODGING, MEALS, TRANSPORTATION, TAXES, AND INCIDENTALS. TO THE ARGUMENT THAT BOTH THESE ALLOTMENTS ARE STANDARD AMOUNTS FOR U.S. PERSONNEL, SCST REPLIES THAT FOREIGN GUESTS UNFAMILIAR WITH LOCAL SCENE OR WITH TECHNIQUES OF LOCATING CHEAPER HOTELS, BUDGET RESTAURANTS, ETC., WOULD INEVITABLY SPEND MORE THAN NATIVE.

3. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, SOVIET SIDE MAKES FOLLOWING PROPOSALS, WHICH HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED FOR IMMEDIATE FUNDING BY MINISTRY OF FINANCE. FOR BOTH CATEGORIES OF EXCHANGEES, RECEIVING SIDE PAYS FOR LODGING AND INTERNAL TRAVEL, AND PROVIDES $12-15 (OR RUBLE EQUIVALENT) DAILY ALLOTMENT FOR MEALS AND INCIDENTALS. ALTERNATIVELY, BUT ONLY FOR SHORT-TERM VISITORS, RECEIVING SIDE PAYS FOR LODGING AND INTERNAL TRAVEL, WHEREAS SENDING SIDE PAYS FOR MEALS AND INCIDENTALS. IF FUNDING QUESTION CAN BE RESOLVED ON THIS OR COMPARABLE BASIS, SCST REPORTS THAT US RESEARCH FELLOWS SUCH AS KIBBY (REF B) CAN BE RECEIVED IMMEDIATELY.
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